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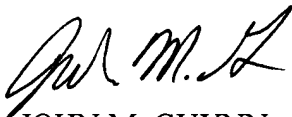
Claims 1-26 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 1, 10, 11, 21, 22 and 24 were amended to remove unnecessary limitations, and claims 22 and 23 were amended to maintain proper claim dependency. Accordingly, none of the claims have been narrowed for any reason whatsoever, let alone narrowed for a reason related to patentability.

Claims 27-33 have been added in order to claim certain disclosed embodiments relating to the claimed treatment and/or bleaching compositions. Support for new claims 27-32 is found at page 23, paragraph 65 and Examples 9-12. Claim 33 is derived from original claim 18. In view of newly added claims 27-33, it was determined that Peter M. Allred should be added as a co-inventor along with Scot N. Andersen. All documentation required to add Mr. Allred as co-inventor is being submitted concurrently herewith.

In the event the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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